

JUNE, 1809.—CHAPTER 5.

AN ACT to prescribe the time which Jurors shall serve in Baltimore county.
Merged in 1829, ch. 200.

NOVEMBER, 1809.—CHAPTER 22.

AN ACT to fix the mode of electing Senators to represent this state in the Senate of the United States.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the senator or senators hereafter chosen to represent this state in the senate of the United States, shall be elected by the joint ballot of both branches of the legislature, and that the person or persons qualified as the constitution of the United States directs, having a majority of the votes of all the attending members in both branches of the legislature, shall be declared as duly elected.

To be elected by joint ballot of both branches of legislature, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That one of the senators shall be always an inhabitant of the eastern and the other of the western shore.

One to be an inhabitant of the eastern and the other of the western shore.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the commission of such senator shall be granted and executed in the form and manner heretofore usually practised.

Commission to be in the form heretofore practised.

CHAPTER 29.

AN ACT to confirm certain acts of Justices of the Peace who hold or have held offices under the General Government.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the official acts of any justice of the peace in this state, who, at the time he acted as such, held an office under the government of the United States, shall have the same effect and operation as if such justice of the peace had not been an officer under the government of the United States.

Official acts of certain justices to have effect.

CHAPTER 62.

AN ACT to admit persons conscientiously scrupulous of taking an Oath to serve as Jurors.

A supplement 1815, ch. 182.

WHEREAS, persons conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath are deprived of a full participation of the rights of citizenship owing to their solemn affirmation not being admitted as a qualification to serve as jurors; therefore,

Preamble.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the people called Quakers, those called Nicolites or New Quakers, those called Menonists, Tunkers, and others, holding it unlawful to take an oath on any occasion, shall be allowed to make their solemn affirmation as a qualification as jurors, except in criminal cases that are capital, and upon petitions for

Persons scrupulous of taking an oath, may serve as jurors, except in capital cases.